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AN apology is due our readers for the late appearance of this issue of THE HERALD. It was deemed advisable to delay the publication of the February number until after the completion of the lecture course which consumed much of the time of both teachers and students. The delay however, has enabled us to give accounts of the observance of Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday which could not otherwise have appeared before May.

ONE of the valuable features of student life at Indiana is the cultivation of the social side. Nothing can be more helpful to a teacher than an easy and graceful bearing in the presence of others. A school that sends out students trained merely in the elements of certain sciences and the art of teaching them, and without any training in the usages of good society, has not done its full duty by those students. The time for believing that a public school teacher is employed to teach only "the three r's" and a few other branches is already past. His duty is now known to be the making of good citizens. And this involves

not only the training of body and mind, but instruction, by precept and example, in correct moral and social usages. But how can a teacher who knows not how to conduct himself when under the public gaze, help others in this respect?

The Normal Schools have, therefore, a very manifest duty. Indiana has long recognized this responsibility and has endeavored to afford better opportunities for social culture each year. The young men's reception, given each October in the dormitory has proved a very interesting and helpful institution. The young ladies' reception on Thanksgiving evening, an innovation of this year, caused each one to realize the desirability of appearing at his best. The annual "Colonial Reception" on Washington's Birthday tends to familiarize us with the courtly manners of our ancestors, and reveals many graces and charms not to be seen in modern society. Then our weekly Saturday evening socials, informal and commonplace as they seem, and the various little entertainments given at intervals in celebration of some special occasion, have been a marked factor in developing in the students graceful bearing and the power of conversing easily and without embarrassment. So that any student, who avails himself of the opportunities here afforded, can go away feeling that he is prepared to enter a gathering of ladies and gentlemen anywhere, and feel at ease.

SINCE our last issue another Alumni Association has come into existence. This time Allegheny is the enterprising county. An account of the organization will be found in another column. Since its very first number THE HERALD has urged

the organization of such associations, and it is a great satisfaction to know that these suggestions have not been made in vain. We bespeak for the Alumni of Allegheny County a renewed interest in *Alma Mater*, owing to the influence of this association. But there are other counties yet to hear from. Surely Somerset and Armstrong and Jefferson and others do not want to be behind their neighbors Cambria, Westmoreland and Allegheny in promoting the interests of their common *Alma Mater*, and in securing for themselves the benefits that accrue individually to the members of such an organization. The columns of THE HERALD are at the service of any who may desire to communicate to the alumni of their county with each an end in view. And we will be glad to receive contributions from the associations already organized.

ANOTHER course of University Extension lectures has just been completed. On February 17, Mr. Hilaire Belloc, of Oxford, Eng., delivered the last of his six lectures on "The French Revolution." The lectures were scholarly throughout, and marked their author a man of research as well as an independent thinker. He treated the Revolution not as a period of blind and purposeless slaughter and anarchy, but as a constructive period in which the people, contrary to all historic precedent, deliberately put away an absolute monarchy and set up in its place a republican form of government as radical in the other extreme as had been the monarchy before it. The results of the Revolution were clearly shown by a skillful contrast of France

in the eighteenth century with France of today.

Frequent comparisons of the institutions of the French republic with those of the United States revealed clearly the great difference between these two champions of representative government, the distinguishing characteristic of the European republic being its extreme centralization and simplicity of organization.

The influence of Rousseau and his writings was emphasized and compared with that of the Voltairean school in such a way as to show that the former was constructive, offering a substitute for what they wished to display, while the latter was simply destructive.

In the last three lectures the course of the Revolution was traced and the influence on it of such men as Mirabeau, Marat and Robespierre was shown. Our limited space will not admit of such an analysis as this course of lectures deserves, and indeed we doubt our ability to do it justice were the space at our disposal. Suffice it to say that this was probably the most scholarly course of lectures ever delivered at Indiana; and Mr. Belloc has gone away leaving, among those able to appreciate him, such an impression of his individuality and erudition as none of his predecessors has left.

NORMAL NOTES.

During Dr. Waller's absence the psychology classes were admirably taken care of by Miss Clarke, the Principal of the Model School.

Mrs. Robertson, of New Wilmington, Pa., spent a few days at the beginning of the term, with her son, Prof. C. B. Robertson, of the science department.

The usual work in physical culture has been pursued this term under the direction of Miss Powers. The girls have been practicing their exercises with piano music in the chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Corlett, spent Sabbath recently, with friends at Normal. Mr. Corlett, who was in

in our Manual Training department last year, is in charge of the same kind of work in the North School in Pittsburg, Pa.

The Seniors' sleighing party was quite a success, despite the zero weather. All were so well wrapped that in many cases recognition was difficult. Promptly at four o'clock, the sleighs drew up at the front door, and, amid the good wishes of all, the party started. They arrived at Shelocta about six o'clock where blazing fires and a good supper awaited them. After supper the time was spent in playing the old games which once so delighted our grandmothers. At eleven o'clock, Prof. Chambers gave the signal for starting home, and amid many sighs of regret, the seniors left Shelocta, wishing sleighing parties were not so rare.

The Seniors on their sleigh ride were kind enough to leave a little snow and cold weather, for which the modest little Juniors were very thankful. As the office clock struck four, a well bundled crowd of boys and girls, sixty-five in all, piled into the sleds at the front steps. With cheering and blowing of horns the long procession filed out of the Normal grounds, and after an hour's ride the sleds drew up in front of the Shelocta House, and the merry bundles rolled out and made for the warm stoves of this inviting little hotel. As there were three times as many guests as places at the tables, some of the young people had to take a few lessons in patience. At one of these trying moments Miss Powers was so kind as to recite some of her selections. When the chicken and waffles had disappeared, some popular Normal games were soon in progress, such as "Spin the Plate," "Tompkins Says Thumbs Up," "Capt. Jinks," and "Blind Man's Buff." But all pleasure has an end. Twelve o'clock was rapidly approaching, so the sleds were ordered, and all started back for Indiana. At some minutes before one the tired but happy party drew up before Normal, and were soon to be

seen no more. So ended the Junior sleigh ride.

Dr. Waller was absent from school about three weeks, accompanying his mother on a trip to California. The joy we all felt at his return proved how very much we had missed him during his absence. After luncheon, the day of his return, he gave his large family a most interesting account of his travels, the sights he had seen and the friends of the school he had met. We were interested to know that he had called on Miss Mansfield and Prof. and Mrs. Sproull; and that in spite of the glories of California, he was glad to see Pennsylvania again.

Mrs. Smith, in the music department, has introduced a very enjoyable and instructive feature of entertainment for Monday evenings, immediately after chapel exercises. The programs are specially arranged for the music pupils, but an invitation has been kindly extended to all who are interested in music, and the studio is usually well filled. The principal object of the Monday evening class is the desire that the pupils may more clearly comprehend the works of the great tone poets. As the time is limited to fifteen minutes, the program is most informal, and not exceeding three numbers. Mrs. Smith hopes to give compositions by the old and new masters, devoting one evening to each. A few words regarding the composer, and a short analysis of the piece, is all that can be done in so short a time. Aside from giving the character of the piece, an attempt will be made in future evenings to show the grammar of music, its development from the sixteenth century, the difference between the intellectual and emotional, and a contrast of the Classical and Romantic schools.

The Sabbath evening music, immediately after chapel, has been one of the most enjoyable and home-like features of life at Normal recently. That the music is appreciated, is evident from the large number who remain. Miss Kennedy, Miss Pea-

body, Mrs. Smith, Profs. Sherrard, and Owens, and Misses St. Peter, Elda Davis and others have contributed in making the enjoyment. The singing of Miss Guthrie was especially appreciated, her rendering of "Fear Ye Not, O Israel" being very fine. It is to be hoped that this musical feature will be continued, as it adds greatly to the pleasure of both students and teachers.

Miss Kendig's circle of King's Daughters, "The Willing Workers," are keeping up their work during the absence of their leader. The members of the circle meet each Sabbath morning after breakfast and study the Sabbath School lessons. The meetings are conducted by the girls, who take their turn in alphabetical order. Each Saturday evening, the leader for next day receives a letter from Miss Kendig, which is read at the meeting, and answered in the afternoon. These letters are both interesting and helpful and are enjoyed very much by the Ten. In her last letter, Miss Kendig states that she is still improving, and hopes to be able soon to walk without her crutches.

LINCOLN DAY.

A group of the juniors and the college preparatory students gave an acceptable entertainment in the Chapel, Friday afternoon, February 12, Lincoln's birthday.

The stage was festooned in red, white and blue bunting; on the wall at the back, just under the flag, the picture of Lincoln was hung, while at one side near the front of the stage was placed his bust. Patriotic songs and instrumental music were furnished by the school and the orchestra. The following program was well presented:

Music.	
Opening Address.....	F. C. Tohr.
Lincoln's Boyhood.....	Jessie Cochran.
Lincoln, the Man.....	M. W. Hamill.
Music.	
Lincoln's Pathos.....	Grace Klingensmith.
Anecdotes of Lincoln.....	Josephine Steinmetz.
"The Reprieve".....	Bertha Hobaugh.
Music.	
"Battle Hymn of the Republic".....	Carrie Kline.
"The Gettysburg Speech".....	J. C. Shrader.
"Lincoln's Second Inaugural".....	A. F. McClusky.
"O Captain, My Captain".....	Alice Mullen.
Music.	

At the close of the program Miss Powers, on invitation, favored the

audience with a fine selection, well rendered. After a solo by Mr. Apple, the school was marched out for a half holiday to the tune of "Columbia." It was a day of good cheer and patriotic sentiment. Let us have more of such days.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

"This lovely land, this glorious liberty, these benign institutions, the dear purchase of our fathers, are ours." The best way for us to show our appreciation to others, for the good things provided for our comfort, is to enjoy them to the utmost. The inmates of our Normal home, with the friends who joined them, paid their debt of gratitude, right royally, to "the fathers" who made it possible for Webster to say "Ours to enjoy," by their enjoyment of the celebration on February 22, '97.

Preparations for this, our special social occasion, had been going on quietly for some time. At the dawn of the appointed day, the regular school duties were entirely forgotten, and nearly every room in the house presented a scene of supposed Colonial activities. Coats were trimmed in all shades of the continental buff; and busy fingers turned out yards of meandering frills to festoon our young men, after the manner of their Colonial fathers. Curling irons were in great demand, and the boys took lessons in that form of patience which their sisters are expected to practice continually.

Our most fashionable young ladies were proud to don the wedding garments of their grandmothers. Those, not fortunate enough to possess such, succeeded in appearing quaint and ancient, by the use of evening dresses, kerchiefs and powdered hair.

When the dinner bell sounded at 5:30 o'clock and the large family filled the halls, and descended the broad stairways, the sight was one not soon to be forgotten.

The committee had been busy in the dining room, and our national colors, curtained the windows, and were suspended from the ceilings.

Pretty shades of white and blue, adorned the electric lights; and green vines, fancy lamps, and flowers on every table, rendered the dining room gorgeous.

The Washington party consisting of Gen. and Lady Washington, personated by Mr. C. C. Mitchell and Miss Annette Shaw, accompanied by the members of the first cabinet with their wives, represented by a committee of students, were the last to enter the dining room amid the applause of those present.

After dinner, the Presidential party led the way to the parlor, where the rest of the school presented the cards of those whom they personated, and were presented to "Lady Washington and ladies; Gen. Washington and gentlemen." This was a very formal ceremony, and served as a type of the distant dignity of court life.

After the reception the company all passed to the chapel, the special party entering last, and passing to the places of honor reserved for them. Here a very pleasing entertainment, prepared by Miss Powers, was given. It consisted of Hezekiah Butterworth's story, entitled: "The Haunted Oven," read by Miss Powers and acted in pantomime by persons chosen from the school. The stage was tastefully decorated, and a table was spread, around which gathered the company whose task it was to decipher a mystery between ghosts and gravestones.

The company next adjourned to the lower halls and dining room, to witness a march planned by Prof. Jaques, and led by Gen. and Lady Washington. The forty couples, or more, who participated in the grand march, formed in line in the parlor, marching through the chapel and halls, down the front stairs to the dining room where they passed through the labyrinthian mazes of the march.

The remaining hours of the evening were passed pleasantly, in dancing and social converse. At eleven o'clock the bell rang, and the festivities of the evening ended. The tired students and teachers were not long finding their way to slumberland.

PROFESSIONAL DEPARTMENT.

We wish to call the attention of our Alumni to the increasing interest in Child-Study, testified to on every hand. Experiments carried on in hundreds of schools upon thousands of children are furnishing data for our scientific thinkers to use as the basis of a new and vitally interesting psychology.

Two magazines have come into existence to supply the wide-spread demand for information upon this subject. "The Child Study Monthly," published by the Werner School Book Co., of Chicago, is in its second year and gives practical suggestions to beginners and also reasons for persisting in this line of work. "Studies in Education," edited by Earl Barnes of Leland Stanford University, Cal., began last July and gives results of collection and compilation of data by students of the University from experiments performed by teachers all over the country.

Two lines of work are followed out by teachers:—testing and training the senses. So far, the former has been limited to the senses of sight and hearing, and the aim has been to discover deficiencies.

Sense-training is the basis of brain development and therefore of all mental activity. No one questions its importance, but few schools plan for it as broadly as it deserves. Regular school work gives some training to sight, touch and hearing, but taste, smell, and the muscular sense are practically ignored.

All untrained senses leave undeveloped brain cells and consequent lack of mental power. Every teacher, therefore, has a duty in this direction and should begin such training at once.

Experiments in testing sight and hearing have revealed an alarming prevalence of weak, unequally focussed eyes, and defective hearing. Much of this may be due to wrong methods of teaching, and therefore our conscientious efforts must be directed to their revision. We must

also give every possible help to pupils as to seating and arranging work.

The side positions in writing and too much blackboard work have been condemned as injurious to eyes, and producing spinal curvature.

We will be grateful to our Alumni for any information as to work in this line that may be tried in their schools. Should any desire further direction or any assistance in this work, we will do all in our power to help them.

PUBLIC DAYS.

February is a delightful month in the Model School. Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday are rivals to St. Valentine's day in the hearts of the children.

This year Lincoln's birthday was memorable, for the Model School children and teachers were invited over to the Normal to enjoy the public exercises.

Valentine's Day was observed as usual. The children established a branch post office and assisted Uncle Sam for an hour, most heartily. Every child was remembered.

The Father of His Country will not be forgotten—flags are already waving and patriotic songs are sung every day in his honor.

THE YOUNG LADIES' RECEPTION.

Thanksgiving evening witnessed one of the brightest pictures seen at Normal in many a day. It was the occasion of the young ladies' reception given in return for a similar courtesy extended by the young men a month before. Apparently actuated by a desire to outdo their former entertainers, the hostesses of this occasion went to work with a will, and succeeded before the hour for the guests to arrive, in transforming the parlor, halls, and reception rooms into bowers of beauty. Doorways and windows were tastefully draped; the stairways leading up to and from the second floor were hung with bunting; the halls were decorated with pictures and bric-a-brac; at each end of the main hall was a canopy at which refreshments were served; and every nook, window seat, and unused

door way was turned into a luxurious cozy-corner, where one wearied by the excessive delights of the time and place could rest half buried in a mountain of perfumed cushions. In all the arrangements and decorations unusual taste was displayed, and it is greatly to be regretted that the length of this article will not permit as full a description of the preparations and proceedings as they deserve.

The guests, including the Trustees, Faculty and young men of the school, were received in the parlor at 8, after which a pleasant hour was spent in conversation, music and partaking of refreshments so temptingly displayed. Later the dining room, all cleared of furniture, was thrown open, the orchestra within struck up a lively air, and no one needed to be told what was next in order. The center of interest was immediately transferred to the lower floor, and from that time until midnight hour drew nigh tripping toes strove to give expression to the merriment of happy hearts in the figures of the loved quadrille. One by one the older guests withdrew, until only a few remained to witness the enjoyment of those whom pleasure and excitement do not easily exhaust. But finally the music ceased, the young ladies' withdrew happy in their triumph, and the young men wended their way to the dormitory feeling that if they had been outdone by the success of this event, the feat had been accomplished in showing honor to themselves.

The faculty has had three new members during the present term: Miss Jessie Good, of Genesee, N. Y., who is teaching several extra classes; Miss Elsie Powers, of Randolph, Vermont, who is carrying on the work in Elocution and Physical Culture in the temporary absence of Miss Kendig; and Mrs. Anna Horton Smith, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is in charge of the instrumental music classes in Miss Kennedy's absence.

Recent visitors at Normal were Miss Margaret Cabbage '95 and Miss Margaret Shaw '94.

OUR ALUMNI.

Items for this Department Should be Sent to Miss Leonard.

MARRIAGES.

Married—At the residence of the bride's father in Fort Collins, Colorado, October 21, 1896, John C. Hanna, Esq., '79 to Miss Alice Lena Wills. Mr. Hanna and his first wife, Miss Lizzie Eckman, are remembered among the most delightful of our earlier students. Mr. Hanna has held the important office of District Clerk in his adopted state and has made a fine name and place for himself in the community in which he lives. THE HERALD hopes for him honor and troops of friends, but wonders why it was that when visiting the East recently, he neglected his Alma Mater, and an explanation is in order.

Married—In the Presbyterian church, Sharpsburg, Pa., December 10, 1896, Miss Clara Ayres '91 to Mr. Harry H. Willock. Mr. and Mrs. Willock will be found after May the first in their new home at Graham Place, South Negley Ave., Pittsburg. The many Normal friends of this bright, warm-hearted girl wish for her a life filled with joy.

Married—At the home of the bride's parents in Freeport, Pa., November 25, 1896, Miss Jennie A. Hill '92 to Dr. Charles A. Boucher. The home of Dr. and Mrs. Boucher is in New Kensington, whither we desire THE HERALD to take them warmest good wishes.

Married—At the home of her parents in Indiana, February 17, 1897, Miss Annie E. Wilson to Rev. Alfred H. Barr, of the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian church, Detroit. Miss Wilson is a great favorite in Indiana and carried with her when she went away our best love and good wishes. The father of Miss Wilson, Mr. A. W. Wilson, Sr., has been a member of our board of trustees ever since its organization and is, since the death of Judge Clark, its president. This year is the first in the 22 years of our school life that one or more of his ten

children have not been among our students. Four of his sons are graduates of Princeton, two of his daughters have attended Vassar and another Wellesley. One of the sons is now his father's partner in business, the second is Prof. Robert D. Wilson, D. D., of the Western Theological Seminary, another, Rev. Samuel G. Wilson has been for sixteen years a Presbyterian minister in Persia and is the author of *Persian Life and Customs*. Another is Prof. A. W. Wilson, Jr., of Kiskiminetas School for Boys. All in all it is a family of which school, church and town feel justly proud.

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DEATHS.

In the last issue of THE HERALD we announced the marriage of Miss Martha McCune '94 and Mr. John L. Wilson, expressing our heartiest wishes that they should have many and happy years. We now record most sorrowfully the death of the young wife which took place in Denver, February 4. She had been suffering from lung trouble and went west hoping for benefit from change of climate. Prof. Sproull kindly writes us the particulars: "Mrs. Wilson and her husband" he says "drove past our house on Tuesday, she feeling quite well. On Thursday she became suddenly worse and before her father and mother could reach her she had passed away." The remains were brought home to McKeesport and afterward laid to rest in the Elizabeth cemetery. To the husband and parents in this bereavement we extend our deepest sympathy.

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PERSONALS.

James A. Hammond, '87, was last fall re-elected to the Legislature from Westmoreland county. He has been appointed chairman of the Educational Committee. This is a great gratification to his Alma Mater and to the friends of education throughout his district.

William P. Reese, Esq., '82, of Johnstown, made us a visit recently. He is one of the newly elected mem-

bers of the Legislature and there, as elsewhere, will be found intelligent and active.

Hon. James W. McCreery, '77 has been elected for the second time to the Colorado State Senate. He lately revisited the scenes of his boyhood and Indiana most cordially welcomed him. He has become one of the most prominent men in Colorado and is looked upon as the foremost irrigation lawyer in all the West.

Another of our former students has begun a newspaper career. Mr. George E. Owens is one of two men who have bought the *Clearfield Republican*, an old influential Democratic paper. Mr. Owens fills the Editorial Department and THE HERALD can do no better than wish him the long and honorable career of his predecessor.

Miss Sibyl Anderson, of Salt Lake City, an undergraduate, of '95, is gaining a reputation as an amateur violinist.

Rev. G. W. Belsey and Mrs. Belsey, the latter Jennie M. Adair '85, have exchanged their church in Geneva, Ohio for a more important one in the city of Toledo. From *The Times* we have an account of a most flattering farewell reception given them by the citizens of Geneva. Among other things Mayor Means in behalf of the church presented a purse of gold to Mrs. Belsey "as a slight token of the golden opinions she has won, and the dear place in the hearts of the people of Geneva." Mr. Belsey has been Moderator of the Grand River Association of the Congregational church and was chosen to represent it at the National Council which met at Syracuse in 1895.

Prof. Berkey '78, City Superintendent of Johnstown, held his first Educational Convention on the 19th and 20th of February. It reflected his own spirit of life and earnestness. On the program among other good things were the following by Indiana graduates: *The Strong Teacher*, by County Superintendent T. L. Gibson '90;

The Practical Value of Classical Studies, Prof. H. P. Johnson '87; *Trailing Orthography*, Prof. R. H. Biter '88; *School Savings Banks*, Prof. H. S. Bender '93; *Moulding Character*, Miss Kate E. Empfield '87; *The Child and Nature*, Miss Mary J. Cooper '88. Miss Powers, who, during the absence of Miss Kendig, fills the Department of Elocution at Indiana, and Miss Leonard were at the convention, Miss Powers giving select readings and Miss Leonard speaking upon Higher Attainments for Teachers.

The Conemaugh Valley Alumni Association hold their third Annual Meeting and Banquet on Friday evening, February 29th and the Westmoreland County Association on March 29th. These meetings are delightful affairs, renewing old friendships and making new ones, keeping the Alumni in touch with their Alma Mater and strengthening the interest and pride of the school in its Alumni.

Dr. Waller in his recent California trip visited Leland Stanford Jun. University and of course called upon Miss Mansfield. He reports her in excellent health and looking forward to her return to us next September.

Miss Kimber, so long at the head of our Model School, is now an instructor in Miss Baldwin's school in Bryn Mawr.

Miss Margaret O. Schulz, a former piano teacher at Indiana, is now teaching vocal music in Hardin College Conservatory which is under the direction of Xaver Scharwenka, the famous German composer and pianist.

The engagement is announced of Mr. James C. Wilson, of Arch Street, Allegheny, and Miss Margarette McMaster '94. THE HERALD extends congratulations.

Rosa Lifshitz '93 is teaching her third term in the same school in Brooklyn and her wages have been greatly increased. Besides teaching she translates poetry from some of her favorite Russian authors and also

writes articles for one of the New York weekly papers.

From the Altoona Tribune we learn that Elizabeth Trout '95 is doing fine work in her school in Bloomfield. Working with characteristic energy and enthusiasm, she got up a school entertainment with the proceeds of which she has started a school library. How many of our teachers have laid the foundations of a library this season or done anything toward enlarging those already in their schools? Miss Trout returns to Indiana in the spring to do post graduate work.

Prof. and Mrs. Guss, both '81, have left Greeley, Colorado, where the Professor held the chair of Physics, for the New State Normal School at North Adams, Mass. Our friends have changed the old place for the new not because they preferred the Berkshire Hills to the Rocky Mountains but to be nearer the great centres of intellectual life in the East. Their Normal friends rejoice to have them within reach again. The Professor, in the matter of keeping up advanced work and living the life of a scholar, is an example we like to commend.

Miss Martha R. Parsons, '92 teaches in the Thurston Preparatory School, Shady avenue, Pittsburgh. Miss Thurston's school is one of the finest of its kind in Western Pennsylvania and Miss Parsons sustains herself well in charge of its intermediate grades.

Married—January 8, 1897, Prof. A. C. Gordon '89 and Miss Blanche Brown, daughter of Senator John H. Brown, of Grapeville, Westmoreland county. Prof. Gordon is principal of the Shady Avenue schools of Allegheny City. THE HERALD extends best wishes.

Married—In the first Presbyterian church, Greensburg, Pa., December 15th, Hon. E. E. Robbins to Miss Luella Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins went to Cuba on their honeymoon trip. While there they entertained at dinner Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, representative in Cuba of the President of the United States. A letter written by Mr. Robbins on Cuban affairs for an Ameri-

can newspaper was made the basis for a discussion of that subject in the United States Senate. Mr. Robbins served in the State Senate '88-'92 and was elected to Congress in '96. As a student he is delightfully remembered by Normal people.

A meeting almost extraordinary on account of its numbers and enthusiasm took place in Carnegie Library Building, Allegheny City, January sixteenth. Its object was the formation of the Allegheny Branch of the Indiana Alumni Association. Commencing with the year '79 every class was represented numbering in all about one hundred and fifty of our Alumni. Upon invitation Miss Leonard and Miss Clarke representing the Faculty and Mr. J. Wood Clark the Trustees, were present. It was a sight to swell the heart of any real lover of the institution to look upon so many good and gracious women who fill well various departments of life and work—and men, lawyers, doctors, teachers and business men all animated by the common purpose of honoring their Alma Mater and keeping alive cherished memories and good fellowship among themselves.

It is earnestly hoped that the proposed organization will maintain an active and earnest life and the character of the first set of officers chosen indicates that it will. Below we give their names. There are, we think, two or three vice presidents whose names we do not have:

President, A. J. Dill '79; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Harriet Kemp '81, George Small '87, Mary E. Nolin, '95; Recording Secretary, Joseph McDermott '92; Corresponding Secretary, Blanche A. Barnes '86; Treasurer Sue Gallaher '91; Executive Committee, J. C. Reed Johnston '93, Frank Z. Gibson '88, M. Josie Scott '84, Mary Hopkins '95, Mrs. Samuel Ritchie, (Etta Cochrane) '83.

Prof. Sherrard visited among his friends at Normal during the first week of the term, and was able to return permanently to his work at the beginning of February.

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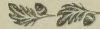
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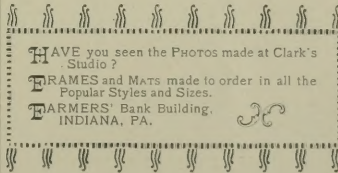
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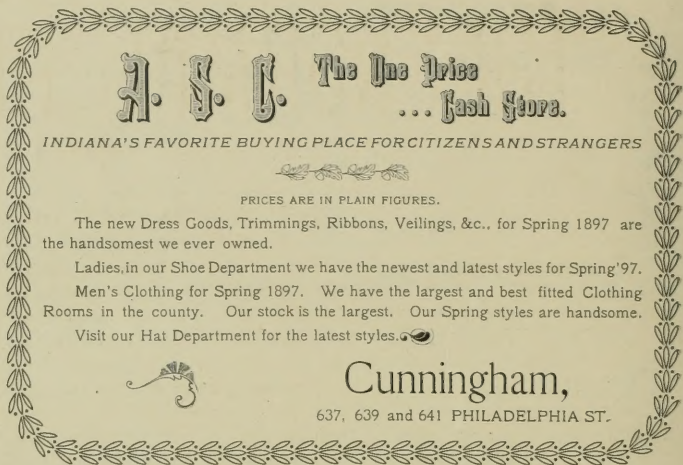
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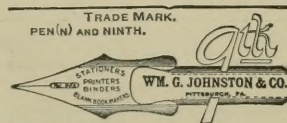
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




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ATHLETICS.

Already baseball and lawn tennis are being talked of among the students. Especially is there a very strong sentiment expressed in favor of a good ball team. Last year the enthusiasm manifested was very gratifying to the manager and members of the team, and we hope there will be just as much, and even more enthusiasm shown by the student body, in encouraging and sustaining the team of '97. The prospects for a good team were never brighter. But, in order to successfully manage the team, there must be the hearty and unanimous co-operation of the students in attending games and "rooting" for the boys, and in paying the regular dues to the Athletic Association. These fees, and the receipts from games, constitute the only sources of revenue, and if they fail, the Association is bound to go into debt. But it surely will not be said of the Normal students that they have not sufficient school spirit to keep their standing in athletics on a par with that of other schools of the kind.

Our old rivals from Kiskiminetas will doubtless place their usual strong team in the field. Let every student who is interested in the success of our team, and we know every student is interested, rally to the support of the team, and with such encouragement and backing we are sure to win a large majority of the games.

The students who expect to enter for any of the events at the Field Meet on June 28th should begin to train at the first of the Spring Term. Heretofore, Field Day has not been regarded by the students in general with as much favor as it ought to be, and consequently has not been a very great success. But with a little effort the Field Day can be made a leading feature of Commencement week. Careful training by those who enter the events is absolutely essential. Those who enter without training are liable to severe and lasting injuries, but with proper care, there is nothing

better for physical culture and development than these track and field sports.

Prof. Owens, who was recently elected manager of the ball team for the spring of '97, has labored with much zeal and earnestness to make Normal one of the strongest amateur teams in Western Pennsylvania.

He has about completed his schedule for the season, having arranged games with W. U. P., W. and J., Greensburg, P. A. C., Westminster and Kiski.

Thus far, he has the following players on his list:

Pounds, Fulton, Sherrard, Swift, St. Clair, Owens, Williams and Gerhard, of last year's team. Sibley, DuBois' crack twirler, Overturf Rush, of Mt. Pleasant, Elme Simon, of Carlisle Indian School, Kerr from Bellevue, and Lewellyn, of the Greensburg team. The grounds will soon be in condition for practice, but until that time the players will take their daily exercise in the gymnasium.

The enthusiasm at Normal is at its highest pitch, everyone anxiously waiting for the season to open.

Much has been done by Manager Owens to create this interest as he has made arrangements by which every one belonging to the School can purchase a season ticket and take in every game at a very little expense.

This opportunity has been embraced by a large majority of the students already.

The "Normal Boys" have gained quite a reputation throughout Western Pennsylvania, and, if enthusiasm and a good ball team is needed to retain their former reputation, there is no reason why they won't be coming season. *They will.*

Within a few weeks return cards will be sent to the Alumni. Each member is requested to return his card at once, the address to which mail should be sent during the coming year.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

ERODELPHIAN SOCIETY.

It is with a feeling of satisfaction that the Erodolphian news items are given to THE HERALD this quarter. The last issue said rightly that the members were just beginning to get to work, but now we are glad to report that a decided step in advance has been taken. The ideal as to what a literary society ought to be is higher, the character of the work is much better, while the earnest spirit manifested by many of the members is a good indication of the drift of affairs.

The Erodolphians are not behind in numbers either. Their roll book has about one hundred and fifty names on its pages, the girls outnumbering the boys at the rate of two to one.

During the term they were visited by different members of the faculty. Prof. Chambers favored them with an address on "An Ideal Society" and although they have not yet reached the ideal, the influence of his practical talk is being felt.

Dr. Waller at the request of the program committee gave an excellent talk on "Debate" one evening toward the close of last term. Supt. Ulerich was present the same evening and in a short speech added to the force of the doctor's remarks. Such helpful addresses could not but stimulate the members to a due appreciation of the privileges afforded them for the cultivation of this power.

The open meeting now, as in former terms, is a leading feature of society work. For the last open meeting nothing was left undone, and the feeling of pleasant anticipation and confidence which the bright faces of the audience reflected was rewarded by the success of the performers.

The program of Part I was as follows:

Music.....	Orchestra.
Reading of Minutes.....	Miss Annette Shaw.
President's Address.....	Mr. J. C. Williams.
Essay, "A File of Cushions".....	Miss Emelia Feicht.
Music, "Forest Murmurs".....	L1221.
.....	Mrs. Smith.
Oration, "Mimbeau".....	Mr. C. Gregg Lewellyn.
Music, "Spring Song".....	Becker, Op. 7.
.....	Miss Guthrie.
Erodolphian Review.....	Miss Martha Hervey.
Critic's Remarks.....	Miss Adah Randall.
Music.....	Orchestra.

Part II. was a clever little farce, "Mr. Bob", and was happily presented by the following cast:

Rebecca Luke,	Miss Virginia Smith,	A Maiden Lady
Katherine Rogers,	Miss Nell Ellis,	Her Niece
Marien Bryant or Mr. Bob,	Miss Mary Ethel Boole,	Miss Rebecca's Maid
Patty,	Miss Carrie Gessler,	
Phillip Royson,	Mr. Clyde Guthrie,	
Robert Brown,	Clerk of Benson & Benson	
Jenkins,	Mr. Horace Carmalt,	Butler
	Mr. C. M. Christy,	

THE HUYGHENIAN SOCIETY.

The Huyghenians went to work with a will at the opening of the Winter term and soon had the society in excellent running order. Their open meeting came the second Saturday evening in the term, but they were fully prepared and all connected with it acquitted themselves creditably. The following is the program:

Part I

Music,	Orchestra.
Reading of Minutes,	Maud Steinrod, Secy.
President's Address,	W. F. Hammer.
Essay,	Bernadette O'Connell.
Piano Solo,	Purcell McCracken.
Declamation,	E. Frank Shaulis.
Violin Duet,	(Andrew Hasinger.
	Blanche Day.
Oration,	Ralph C. McComish.
Piano Solo,	Mary Lindeman.
Recitation,	Blanche Day.
Huyghenian Gem,	Richard S. Ashcom.

Part II.

Farce—"A Class Day Conspiracy."
Cast:

Mollie,	Eurie Bash.
Edith,	Nan Latimer.
Mrs. Lee,	Pearl Dickie.
Tom,	Edward H. Sutton.
Dick,	Oram C. Lytle.

The performers were all actual members of the society, in regular attendance, and the program, the farce being excepted, was a fair sample of what is done in the regular meetings.

Unfortunately for the members, our societies frequently become ambitious and want to try something new. This usually results in a loss of time and energy with nothing to show for it. The Huyghenians have learned by experience that literary training, in the old fashioned way, by practice on the part of the members, brings better results than any scheme of training that immature minds can devise. Consequently the society has attempted: no reforms, and the time thus saved, being devoted to literary training, is giving the members such power of thought and expression as will make them felt in the world.

WESTMORELAND ALUMNI WINTER MEETING.

The Westmoreland Branch of the Indiana State Normal Alumni Association held their second annual business meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 1896 at the close of the afternoon session of the County Institute.

The following named officers were elected or 1897: President, Hon. James B. Hammond; Vice Presidents, Mr. Keener, Mr. McCurdy, Mr. Wiley; Recording Secretary, Miss Helen Wilson; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Agnes Huston; Treasurer, Miss Florence Ludwick.

About thirty-five members of the association were present. Miss Leonard, Miss Clarke and Mr. Chambers of the Normal Faculty were among the number.

Short addresses were given by members of the association. Miss Leonard, in her pleasing way, told those present how glad she was to be with them and they welcomed her as they will ever welcome their friend and helper, Miss Leonard.

ADDITIONAL NEWS NOTES.

The students now march out of chapel to the inspiring strains of the "Begger Student March," played by an orchestra consisting of three violins, two cornets, alto horn, trombone, flute and bass with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Smith, all under the direction of Prof. Apple.

Another improvement has been added to Normal. It is a telephone connecting the Model and Boys' Dormitory with the main building.

Elmer Simon, a Chippewa Indian, who graduated from the Carlisle Indian School in the Class of '96, is now at Normal preparing for College. The students find him a high-minded, congenial fellow.

In the dining room, Miss Peabody is surrounded by eleven German students. They converse in German all the week except Sunday and Monday. The Germans have a good, jolly time together, and on February 5, with some of their English friends

enjoyed dinner at the Episcopal church.

Miss Georgia Martin '87, and her brother, also a former Normalite, are in Philadelphia this winter. In the fall Miss Martin resigned her position in the Brookline, Mass., schools to accept one in the Walnut Lane School, Germantown. This is a fashionable Wellesley preparatory school. Mr. Martin has been in the city since the winter vacation attending one of the Medical Schools there.

Special examinations will be given as follows during the spring term: April 4, History, Geography and Arithmetic; April 5, Latin; April 11, Writing and Grammar; April 18, Physical Geography, Physiology, Spelling, Civil Government.

Miss Nan Barnett '95, of Derry, Miss Jessie Russell '95, of McKeesport and Miss Etta Lewis '96, of Pittsburg, spent the "twenty-second" at Normal as guests of Miss Dayton.

Miss Margaret Guffy '94, of Irwin, Miss Edith Andriessen '95 and Miss Vinnie Knapp nberger '95, of Greensburg, and Miss Minnie McFarland '95, of Pittsburg spent Sabbath at Normal recently.

SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT.

The spring term of fourteen weeks will open Tuesday, March thirtieth, 1897. Students may enter at any time, and may board in clubs or in private houses approved by the Principal, if they prefer to do so. Two students boarding together during the Fall term of sixteen weeks, who brought part of their provisions from home, found their entire living expenses, tuition, board, light, washing, &c., to be forty-four dollars and a half each. Another found his expenses for the spring term of fourteen weeks in 1896 to be forty-four dollars.

It is, however, undoubtedly better, when students are able to do so that they board in the building.

The school intends to pursue the policy of having enough good teachers to secure daily drill in the classes in which this training is desirable.

